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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-16 Cancelled

17. (Original) A method for remotely monitoring a residence comprising:
generating a trigger initialized digital image in a surveillance device;
transmitting a trigger alert signal directly to a wireless communication device over a
private network; and

enabling an image transmission between said surveillance device and said cell phone regardless of a service provider of said wireless communication device.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said transmitting a trigger alert signal over a private network comprises:

transmitting said trigger alert signal from said surveillance device to a telephone exchange over a standard telephone line;

transmitting said trigger alert signal from said telephone exchange to a mobile telecommunications switching office; and

transmitting said trigger alert signal from said mobile telecommunications switching office to said wireless communication device over a radio frequency (RF) network.

- 19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said trigger initialized digital image is generated in response to an input received from a sensor, wherein said sensor comprises one of an optical sensor, an infrared sensor, an ultraviolet sensor, an open circuit sensor, or a closed circuit sensor.
- (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising transmitting said trigger initialized digital image to said wireless communication device.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said enabling an image transmission between said surveillance device and said cell phone regardless of a service provider comprises:

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assigning a unique identification to said surveillance device; and obtaining recognition from a plurality of service providers of said unique identification as an approved image source.

- (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said unique identification comprises an electronic serial number (ESN).
- 23. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising transmitting said unique identification with said surveillance image data.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said obtaining recognition from a plurality of service providers of said unique identification as an approved image source comprises designating said unique identification as an authorized private website for downloading images.
 - 25. (Original) A system for remotely monitoring a desired area comprising: an image generating camera;
 - a processing device communicatively coupled to said camera;
- a modem communicatively coupled to said processing device, said modem being configured to transmit images to a wireless communication device over a private network; and
- a data storage device communicatively coupled to said processing device;
 wherein said data storage device includes a unique identifier, said unique identifier
 being accepted by a plurality of wireless service providers as indicating an approved image
 source.
- 26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said private network comprises a standard telephone line and a mobile telecommunications switching station.
- 27. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said data storage device comprises one of a read only memory (ROM), a random access memory (RAM), a magnetic RAM, a flash memory, or a subscriber identity module (SIM) card.

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- 28. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said unique identifier comprises an electronic serial number (ESN).
 - 29. (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising: an activation indicator communicatively coupled to said processor; and a power supply coupled to said processor.
- 30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30 29, wherein said power supply comprises:
 - a direct current (DC) battery; and a transformer configured to be coupled to 110 volt outlet.
- 31. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein said image generating camera comprises a charge coupled device.